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**"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 3663"**

Docket No. 243144US3DIV
IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahiko YAMADA, et al.
SERIAL NO: 10/673,248
FILED: September 30, 2003
FOR: FUEL ASSEMBLY AND THIMBLE SCREW OF THE SAME

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116** in the above-identified application.

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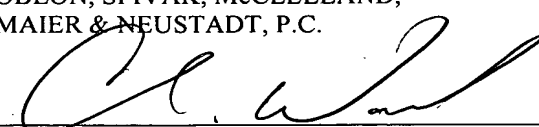
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In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.